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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

1. (Amended) A shape memory foam material comprising:

a base foam material; and

a thermoplastic substance impregnated and distributed in the cells of said base foam material and having a melting point lower than that of said base foam material,